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PATENT Customer No. 22,852 00 Attorney Docket No. **3384.0342-01** 

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re	Application of:	)
Donald R. ELLIS et al.		) Group Art Unit: 2667
Serial No.: 09/467,243		) Examiner: Yao, Kwang Bin
	December 20, 1999  SELF-HEALING LINK SWITCHED RING FOR ATM TRAFFIC	RECEIVED  JUN 1 7 2004
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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicant responds to the Requirement for Restriction dated May 15, 2004. In addition, prior to the examination of the above-referenced application, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections beginning on page 5 of this paper.